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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Record of Communication – meeting with Uintah & Ouray Business Committee

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TO: U&O FIP Options

This memorandum is to serve as a record of communication for a meeting that occurred between the Uintah & Ouray Business Committee and US EPA Region 8 on July 22, 2015, in Ft. Duchesne, Utah.

Attendees:

EPA

Shaun McGrath, Region 8 Regional Administrator
Alfreda Mitre, Region 8 Tribal Advisor
Carl Daly, Air Program Director
Phil Strobel, NEPA Program Director
Cindy Beeler, R8 Energy Advisor
Carol Russell, Watershed Aquifer Protection
Gary Kleeman, Watershed Aquifer Protection
Elyana Sutin, Office of Regional Counsel (via telephone)

Ute Tribe

Shaun Chapoose, Chairman Ute Indian Tribe
Edred Secakuku, Vice Chairman Ute Indian Tribe
Tony Small, Councilman Ute Indian Tribe
Bruce Ignacio, Councilman Ute Indian Tribe
Ronald Wopsock, Councilman Ute Indian Tribe
Minnie Grant, Ute Director Air Quality Division
Mike Natchees, Ute Air Quality Division Staff
Jeremy Patterson, Frederick's, Peebles and Morgan

Summary of Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to consult with the Tribe on reservation specific rulemaking options to control VOC's from oil and gas sources on the UOIR.

EPA provided a brief summary of the following:

- Air quality in the basin including ozone, VOCs and NO_x,
- Options for either EPA or the Tribe to address emissions,
- Potential Reservation-Specific Federal Implementation Plan, and
- Ozone NAAQS, including timing of designations.

EPA and the Tribe also discussed the development and timing of a basin wide emission inventory, and the coordination with the state of Utah and industry on this effort.

The Ute Tribe expressed overall support of reservation-specific rulemaking to reduce air emissions from existing sources and leveling the playing field in the Uinta Basin where requirements on state lands are similar to Indian country. The Ute Tribe requested ongoing communication as EPA develops a regulatory approach.